

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
November 7, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order 5:33 pm

Roll Call

Andy Webb, Gary Whitney, Rick Anderson, Pete August, Mike Lindley, Denise Poyer, Roberta Engel
Ex Officio: Chuck More

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: P. August, 2nd G. Whitney to approve Oct. 3, 2011 minutes.
All Ayes

Communications

None

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

1. URE invoice, purchase of 25 orange vests, \$162.50
2. UBS invoice, purchase of construction supplies for Bradner Preserve trail construction, \$266.76
3. East Coast Embroidery Inc., to silkscreen RRPLT logo on vests, \$82.50

MOTION: R. Anderson, 2nd G. Whitney to approve payment of invoices
All Ayes

Public Forum

None

Old Business

1. Member reports

Andy Webb: mentioned the yellow paint used to blaze one of the Bradner trails is not visible. Andy also reported the ATVer continues to use the trails, new and old. The individual has modified the new trail by cutting logs and moving rocks from the stonewall. D. Poyer will talk to Chief Johnson about the problem. She will also invite the Chief to the trail opening ceremony at the Bradner Preserve.

Chuck More: reminded the board that the DEM permit requires a final report

R. Engel: attend a workshop sponsored by the RI Land Trust Council. The workshop focused on the need to protect local farms. Farm land is becoming scarce in RI which presents an opportunity for land trusts and farmers (looking for farm land) to work together.

2. Scudder Preserve steward projects
D. Poyer spoke with Paul Dolan about implementing the forestry management plan, Dolan asked if RRPLT would pay for tree removal or if we would be paid for the wood; C. More suggested if the job were open to bid (likely required by the town council), both plus and minus bids could be accepted. Scott Barber may have an example of such a bidding form. P. August suggested it would be good to contact Tim Mooney, TNC Tillinghast steward. He may have experience hiring foresters.
3. Land Trust Rules and Regulations

MOTION: R. Anderson, 2nd A. Webb to table the discussion of the *Land Trust Rules and Regulations* to the next meeting
All Ayes

New Business

1. Chuck More's resignation
D. Poyer thanked Chuck for his service to the RRPLT. Chuck will now serve as the liaison from the Richmond Town Planning Board
2. Welcome Mike Lindley
Denise Poyer welcomed Mike Lindley to the RRPLT board. M. Lindley has a background in finance and he will attend a financial planning workshop sponsored by the Land Trust Alliance at the end of November

MOTION: A. Webb, 2nd R. Anderson, M. Lindley's travel expenses will be covered by the Travel Fund Account
All Ayes
3. Bradner Preserve Trail Opening
D. Poyer sent out the press release; the town council has been invited and Town Council President Joe Reddish will be there to say a few words. Sandy Poirier will attend. The Bradner brothers who donated the property are in FL. C. More will bring orange duct tape for the opening ceremony. The ceremony starts 10am and will be followed by a walk on the trails, ~2 miles.
4. Volunteer restrictions due to insurance liability
D. Poyer asked S. Sette for permission to let J. Kavarian cut firewood along the Kenyon property line. Sette contacted the town's insurance company which responded that volunteers cannot use power tools on the RRPLT property. We can have a formal relationship with a signed contract which would indemnify the land trust. S. Barber may have experience with this. RRPLT will need to talk with town legal council. P. Dolan suggested the RRPLT have a contract with anyone doing something on our properties.

5. Hunting on Land Trust Properties
D. Poyer was contacted by a hunter requesting permission to hunt on RRPLT properties. He mentioned he had hunted on South Kingstown Land Trust properties. D. Poyer spoke with South Kingstown Land Trust officials about the criteria they use to permit hunting (with regard to hunter and property). The property must be ≥ 5 acres and the hunter needs to be a Land Trust member. Hunting is used as a management tool with one hunter per property. D. Poyer will check with S. Sette about rules and regs for hunting on RRPLT properties.
6. LTA Financial Workshop
Mike Lindley will attend the workshop
7. RRPLT 2012 meetings
D. Poyer sent out the calendar for RRPLT 2012 meetings. The first meeting will be on Jan. 9, 2012.

Executive Session

MOTION: A. Webb, 2nd P. August to enter Executive Session
All Ayes

Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section as amended 1956, Chapter 42-46-5(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property for public purposes.

MOTION: A. Webb, 2nd P. August to seal Executive Session minutes
All Ayes

Agenda

1. Review items for December 5, 2011 agenda

Adjourn 7:15pm

MOTION: R. Anderson, 2nd G. Whitney to adjourn
All Ayes